

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following Listing of Claims.

1. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly comprising, in combination:

at least one movable seat track;

a linkage assembly including:

a first link having a first external surface, a first internal surface, and a first aperture with a first longitudinal length extending between the first external surface and the first internal surface;

a second link having a second external surface, a second internal surface, and a second aperture with a second longitudinal length extending between the second external surface and the second internal surface; and

a fastener having a head portion located at the first external surface of the first link, a lip portion plastically deformed into engagement with the second external surface of the second link, and a cylindrical body portion extending from the head portion to the lip portion at a distal end opposite said head portion;

wherein the head portion, the lip portion, and the body portion are formed by a single body of continuous material;

wherein said body portion extends through said first and second apertures and is plastically deformed so that the body portion is expanded outwardly between the head portion and the lip portion and within the first and second apertures to engage the first and second links within the first and second apertures whereby the fastener secures the first and second links to allow relative rotational movement between the first and second links while preventing relative linear motion therebetween in all directions perpendicular to a direction the fastener is extending through the first and second links;

wherein said body portion has a hollow central bore extending from the lip portion toward the head portion;

wherein the central bore has a maximum internal diameter which extends through all of the second longitudinal length of the second aperture and more than half of the first longitudinal length of the first aperture so that the central bore extends a distance such that the body portion is plastically deformed into contact with the first link near the head portion within the first aperture to provide continuous surface to surface contact between the body portion and the first link from the first internal surface and extending in a direction toward the head portion for more

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than half the first longitudinal length of the first aperture which eliminates free play between the first link and the fastener; and

wherein said linkage assembly is operably connected to said seat track to move said seat track.

2. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said first link has a first thickness, said second link has a second thickness, and said body portion has a length that is greater than the sum of the first thickness and the second thickness such that said first internal surface of said first link engages said second internal surface of said second link, said body portion extends through said first and second links, and said lip portion engages said second external surface of said second link.

3. **(cancelled)**

4. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said second link is locked to said fastener via said lip portion to prevent relative rotational movement between said second link and said fastener while allowing said first link to move freely relative to said first link and said fastener.

5. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the first link has a first thickness between said first external surface engaged by the head portion and said first internal surface engaged by the second link;

the second link has a second thickness between said second external surface engaged by the body portion and said second internal surface engaged by the first internal surface; and

the body portion has a length which is greater than the sum of the first thickness and the second thickness such that the first internal surface of the first link is positioned against the second internal surface of the second link, the body portion extends through the first and second apertures of the first and second links, and the lip portion is positioned against the second external surface of the second link.

6. **(cancelled)**

7. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said first link has a first thickness;
said second link has a second thickness; and
the central bore has a length which is greater than the first thickness and less than the sum of the first thickness and the second thickness.

8. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said central bore extends for a length less than the total length of the body portion.

9. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said central bore is open at the end of the body portion at the lip portion and is closed at the end of the body portion at the head portion.

10. **(original)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said linkage assembly is operably connected to said seat track to vertically move said seat track.

11. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said body portion comprises plastically deformable material for forming said lip portion and engaging the second link.

12. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the cylindrical body portion has an external diameter and said head portion is enlarged such that the head portion extends radially outward beyond the external diameter of the body portion.

13. to 21. **(cancelled)**

22. **(previously presented)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the distal end of the body portion is plastically deformed to form the lip portion.

23. to 25. **(cancelled)**

26. **(currently amended)** A vehicle seat mounting assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the body portion is expanded outwardly to ~~form a bulge engaging~~ engage the first and second links about an interface of the first internal surface of the first link with the second internal surface of the second link.